(a) whethe Government are aware of the burning or the Indian National Flag at a recent charity cricket match played bet ween lndia and Pakistan in London ; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Govern ment thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : {a) Yes, sir. It is clarified that the match was played between "Gavaskar Eleven" and "Imran Khan Eleven" and was not an official match between lndia and Pakistan.

(b) Even before the incidents of hooliganism involving the burning f the India Flag at the friendly cricket match between "Gavaskar Eleven" and Imran Khan Eleven" at Crystal place on August 30, 1993, the Indian High Commission in London had sent letters to . the Foreign and Commonwtalth Office and the Scotland Yard alerting the British, Government to the fact that some pro-Kashmiri militant groups in U.K. were planning to disrupt the charity match. After the incidents of hooliganism had occurred, our High Commission in London sent a letter to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and contacted the local police the very same day i.e. on August 30, 1993 requesting legal action to be taken against the culprits. Following this, the police registered a criminal case in *the* matter and arrested three persons.. The matter was also taken up by the Ministry of External Affairs with the British High Commissioner in Delhi who wholly shared our regret at the incident and assured that he would report the matter to the British Government in London.

Loss due to Rain in Tamil Nadu

33. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of the loss of life and property during the recent rains in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to meet the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRl BALRAM JAKHAR) : (a) and (b) Government of Tamil Nadu have reported the following loss of lives and damage to property due to recent rains in the State :

1. Loss of human lives . 127
2. House damaged . . 50491

(a) fully 50391

(b) Partly . 53180

Damage of varying degrees has also occurred to roads, buildings and other public infrastructure.

Measures taken by the State Government to meet the situation include :

(a) Disbursement of ex-gratia at the rate of Rs. 10,000 to the families of the deceased.

(b) Distribution of cash doles for repair of damaged houses.

(c): Distribution of sarees, dhoties, kerosene and rice to the affected population.

Allocation of Funds to Punjab for Housing

*34. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the Central allocation of funds made to the Government of Punjab for housing for the year 1992-93 and 1993-94 ; and

(b) whether Government propose to increase the allocation of funds for the year 1994-95. in view of the acute housing problem in Punjab due to floods ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SHEILA KAUL): (a) Housing being a State subject, the State Government are free to formulate and implement housing schemes depending upon the priority accorded by them to this sector and availability of funds with them. The Plan outlay determined by the Planning Commission for the State of Punjab for housing was Rs. 38.05 crores for the year 1992-93 and Rs. 23.13 crores for the year 1993-94.